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The Honorable James V. Hansen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for sharing your views on  
Afghanistan. I will be glad to pass them on  
to the appropriate policymakers.

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon

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January 10, 1985

Mr. John M. McMahon  
Deputy Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Mr. McMahon:

The fifth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan afforded me time to contemplate the situation in that troubled area of the world.

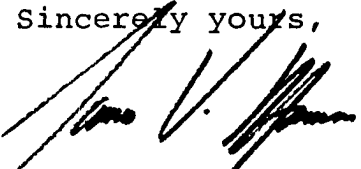
After much thought, I reached the same conclusion I had reached before. We are simply not doing enough for the Afghan rebels. We need to send the Afghans sophisticated anti-armor and anti-aircraft weapons.

I realize that many foreign policy careerists within the Reagan Administration are greatly concerned that increased and more effective aid to the Afghan rebels would cause the Soviets to threaten Pakistan. These bureaucrats lack the one thing the Afghan rebels have, namely faith.

Far too many bureaucrats sit in their ivory towers and lecture what can and cannot be done, and they warn of the dire consequences of proposed bold, new actions. Meanwhile, men of action, doers, stand against almost insurmountable odds and achieve the impossible.

I urge you and your colleagues in the State Department to do all you humanly can to get the necessary weapons to the Afghans. It's time the U.S. took the offensive. We are on the defensive far too much. A team totally oriented to defense may seldom lose, but it never wins.

Sincerely yours,

  
James V. Hansen  
Member of Congress

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